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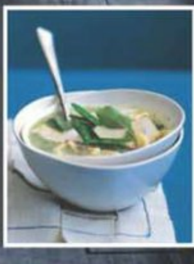
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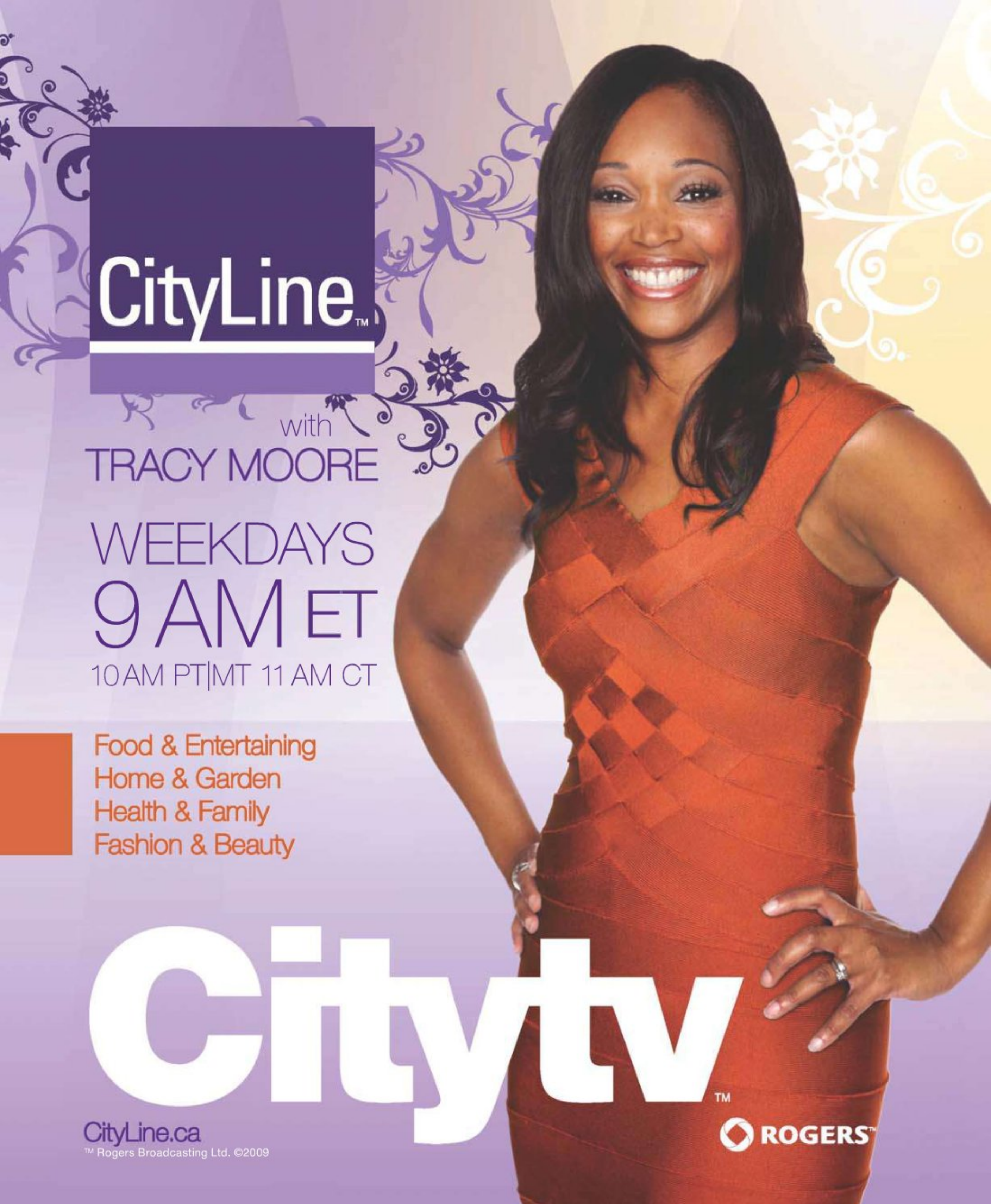
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Dark floors underscore the freshness of white walls and slipcovers in this light-filled living room **60**

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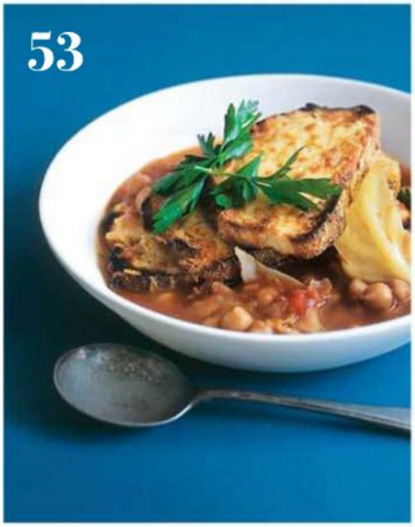
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Recently, some friends were bemoaning the fact that their homes need a style primp. You know the feeling. It's not time for a total overhaul, but you look around and feel your space is becoming dated. As trends evolve, so do your personal tastes. While you once loved those blond birch built-ins, now you want something richer. How do you get a completely new look without breaking the bank? You decorate.

I'm just putting the finishing touches on my master bathroom. The final decision? Whether to paint the walls a soft, luxurious dove hue or paper them in punchy graphic – or try an illustration-style decal like the fun trompe l'oeil on page 18 (in pale shades of off-white and grey). Of all the choices I've made over the past few months (fixtures, tiles, vanity, flooring, sink, etc.), this little one is the least expensive and the most expressive. The wall treatment in this room will establish its style. Sometimes the small things deliver the biggest impact.

Just adding a new rug to a room can transform the space. Change the bedding. Try an accent wall. Paint a piece of furniture. This issue is packed with amazing ideas (and amazingly easy ways) to bring a fresh, exciting new look to your home.

Jane

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CHECK OUT THESE **FAB NEW SECTIONS!**

style news

Brett Walther has worked on our design team for five years. Now he's bringing us the latest style ideas, chic home accessories, top trends and up-to-date products in his new role as news editor. **PAGE 17**

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More products, more how-to, more ideas, more options! Flip to the back of *Style at Home* every issue to find all the great stuff we couldn't fit onto the page but thought you might like. **PAGE 87**

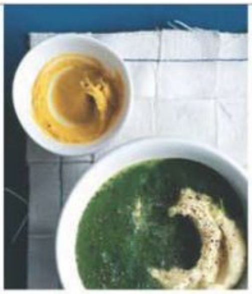
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We've teamed up with editors in major cities across the country. Each month, these style mavens open their virtual Rolodexes to share the best stores, fab finds and trusted services in your hometown. **PAGE 93**

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WHITE WORKS! Mix textures, shades and tiny hits of favourite colours. **PAGES 31, 42, 60**



TASTE SENSATION Food editor Donna Hay shares her flavour boosting secrets. **PAGE 52**



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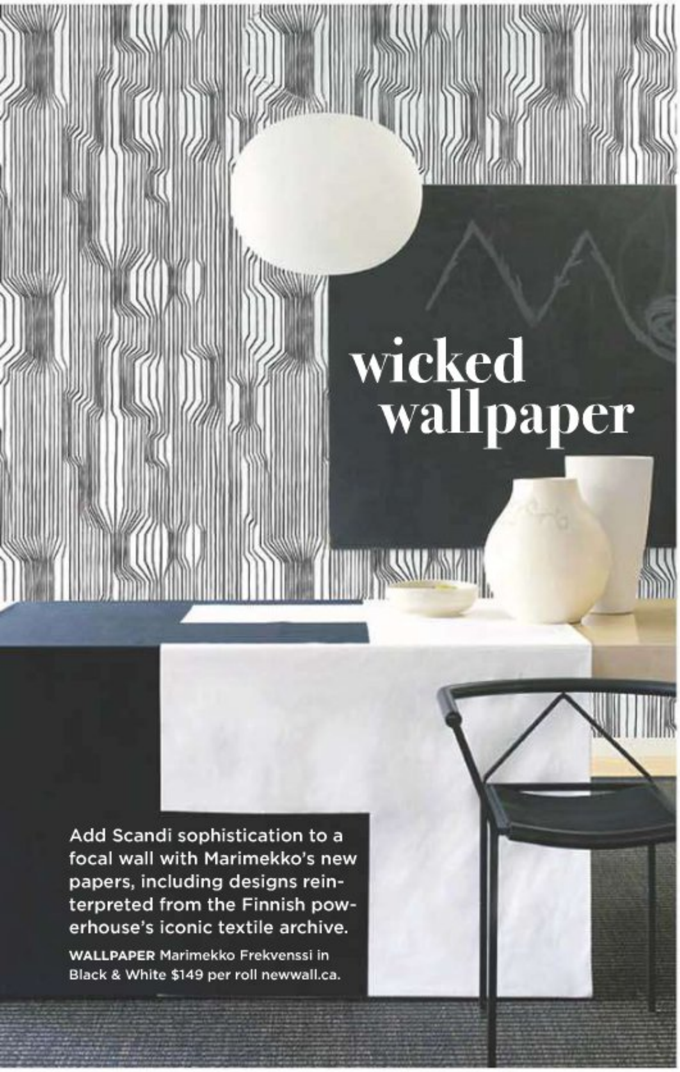
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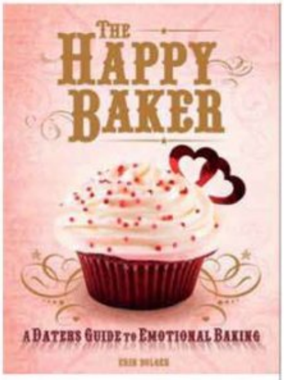
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love hurts – HAVE SOME CHOCOLATE

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For Erin's Choca-Mocha Squares recipe, **PAGE 89**

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A beautiful design and symbol of affection are intertwined in these Love Spoons, which form a rosebud when conjoined. For five generations, German manufacturers Robbe & Berking's masterpieces have been to flatware what Hermès is to handbags. Love spoons date back to 17th-century Wales, when young men would carve them from wood for their sweethearts. **SPOONS** $538 per pair (boxed) amarynth.com.

Close to 10,000 Vancouverites have voted online for their favourite Chinese restaurants in the HSBC Diners' Choice Awards. Check out the hottest, most popular eateries at chineserestaurantawards.com.

KUNG HAY FAT CHOY! Chinese New Year is Feb. 14. To find out what lucky foods to eat for a happy new year, **P 89**

EDITOR JULIA ARMSTRONG. WORDS JENN HOULIHAN (COOKIES)



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morning, sunshine

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WAKE-UP LIGHT
$190 philips.ca.

MODERN, COUNTRY, ASIAN OR VINTAGE?

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COOL BLOG of the month

IKEAHACKER.BLOGSPOT.COM is a fave of budget lovers and big spenders alike, which is why we adore it. In 2006, DIY decorista "Jules" started the blog, which features exciting ways to transform IKEA furniture. It's always fun to see what's happening, whether it's an office chair upholstered in luxe fabric or a bookcase turned into a window seat.



beautiful **bites**

Entertaining a crowd? Need quick recipes for tonight? Either way, we're dishing up fab food ideas. Visit styleathome.com/beautifulbites to sign up for our free weekly recipes – delivered straight to your inbox. Dinner has never been so easy!

the perfect night in



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INSTANT FIRE Keep your tootsies warm with a superchic electric fireplace.
EF30G from $629 napoleonfireplaces.com.

SMART FRAME Do more than browse photos on the 10.2" screen – watch video clips and view friends' Facebook status updates, too!
HP DreamScreen 100 $280 hpshopping.ca.

COSY SEATING Curl up in a comfy chair with a throw and some delish hot chocolate.
Ektorp in Blekinge White $400 ikea.ca.

WORDS NATALIE BAHADUR + LAUREN MCPHILLIPS. **FOOD PHOTOGRAPHY** WILLIAM MEPPEM. **FOOD STYLING** JUSTINE POOLE + STEVE PEARCE



RUG Honeycomb hooked and tufted wool from $440 US companyc.com.

hexappeal

Design is abuzz with the six-sided honeycomb – from retro prints to contemporary craftsmanship

TABLE Noguchi Prismatic aluminum $927 quasimodomodern.com.





FABRIC Jim Thompson No. 9 Collection Hexastripe cotton/jute $185 per yard, through designers, telio.com.



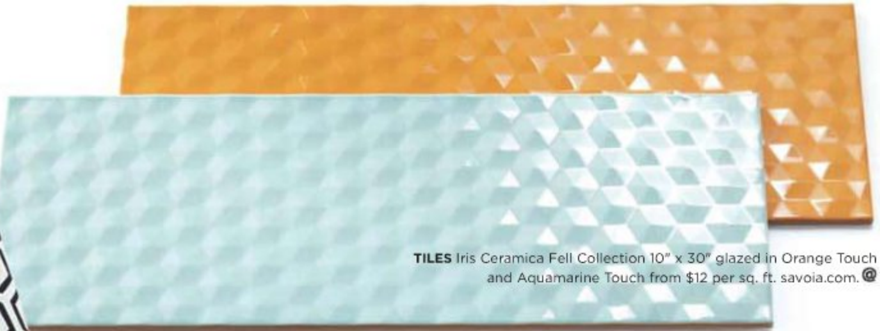
TRAY Lacquer Hexagon 18" $175 US jonathanadler.com.



TOAST PLATE AND TEACUP Ceramic plate $40 US and cup $20 US jasonneufeld.com.

WALLPAPER Cole & Son Contemporary I Hicks' Hexagon in Black/Gold $264 per roll, through designers, leejofa.com.





TILES Iris Ceramica Fell Collection 10" x 30" glazed in Orange Touch and Aquamarine Touch from $12 per sq. ft. savoia.com.

PRODUCER BRETT WALTHER. PHOTOGRAPHY PAUL CHMIELOWIEC (FABRIC, WALLPAPER, TILES)













decorating

double takes

Three signature pieces styled to suit any personality

romantic escape

Accentuate the femininity of tailored tufting with soothing lavender-and-white linens and lilac walls.

PAINT Picton 10RB36/082 cil.ca. **DUVET COVER** Kiska Textiles queen $360 and **SHAMS** Euro $75, queen $55, Lucca 416-485-4999.

uptown suite

Grey upholstery and nailhead trim work in a masculine loft space. Pair with graphic cream-and-black sheets.

PAINT Black Onyx P5246-83 para.com. **DUVET SET** Sketch queen $310 and **SHEET SET** Pin Dot queen $285 dwellshop.com. →



UPHOLSTERED HEADBOARD
Jensen queen $1,064 ethanallen.com

PRODUCER ANN MARIE FAVOT. **PHOTOGRAPHY** NINA TEIXEIRA. **WORDS** JULIA ARMSTRONG



WINGBACK CHAIR
Stamford Collection from $2,420
barrymorefurniture.com

serene traditional

The classic wingback gets a hot pink update. Striped wallpaper and a soft grey rug maintain the sophistication.

WALLPAPER Venetian Silk Stripe BC1580038 $27 per roll designbycolor.net. **END TABLE** Collector's Classics $999 ethanallen.com. **RUG** Jute Bouclé 5' x 8' in Platinum $155 westelm.com. **LAMP** $385 elte.com. **FRAME** $42 stacaro.com.

crazy contemporary

Take inspiration from a gorgeous fabric to create a feature wall. The hip paper, lacquered stool and shag rug are oh so '70s, baby!

WALLPAPER Cole & Son Contemporary III Collection Optical $218 per roll, through designers, leefjofa.com. **STOOL** $220 hghg.ca. **RUG** Hampen 6' x 4' $70 and **LAMP** Antifoni $50 ikea.ca. **BOWL** $30 hollacecluny.ca.



PARSONS CONSOLE

$419 westelm.com

country cottage

Woven textures, rustic pitchers and Scandinavian grey welcome a contemporary square-edge table to the countryside.

PAINT Kitchen Cupboard SS14 ralphlaurenhome.com. **LAMP** $219 ethanallen.com. **BASKET** $85 and **RUG** $40 frenchcountry.ca. **BEIGE PITCHER** $49 stacaro.com. **WHITE PITCHER** $20 thebay.com.

minimal modern

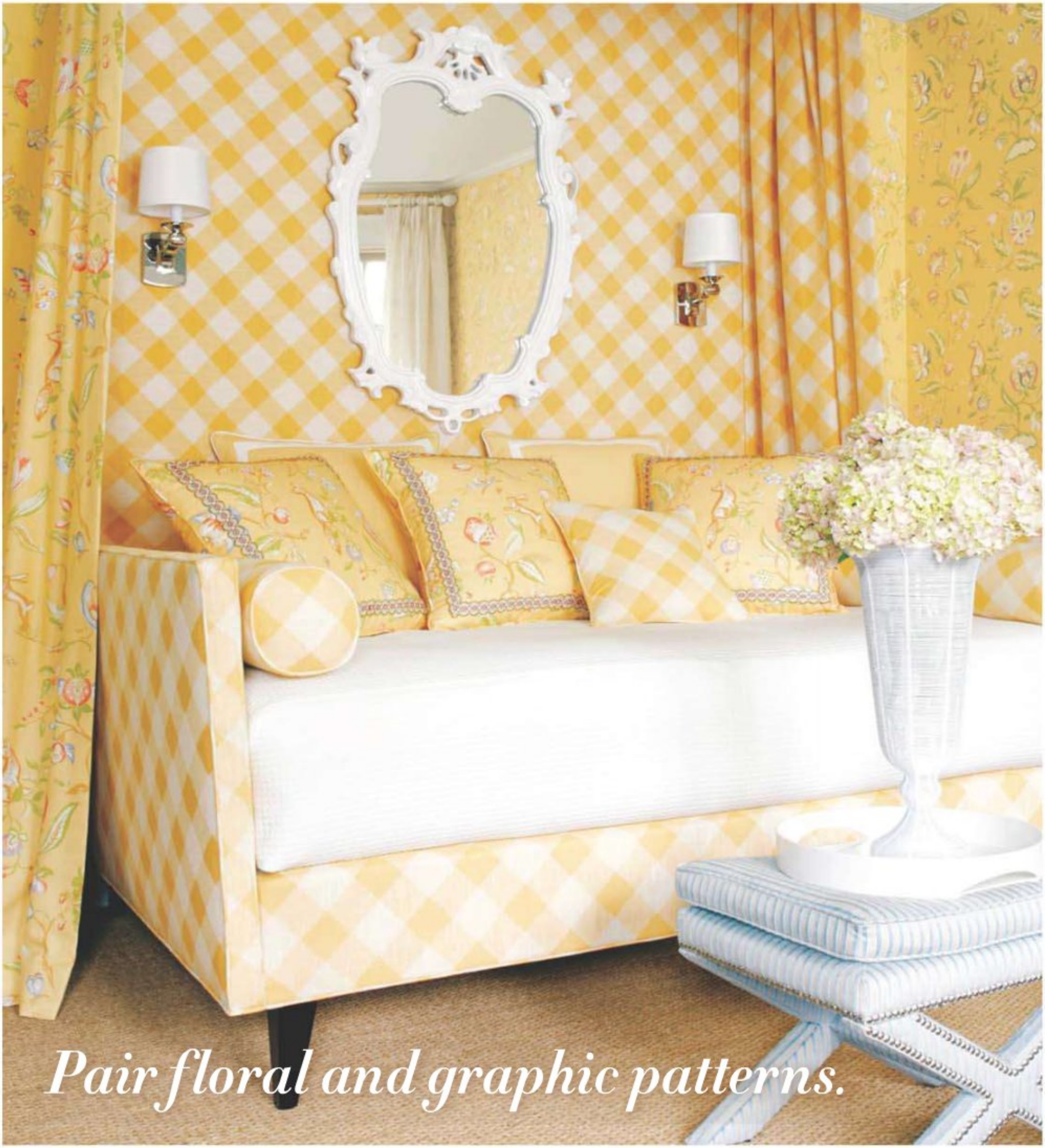
Go South Beach sleek with a dramatic white-and-lime palette, vivid rug and statement accessories.

RUG Madeline Weinrib Megan Kelly Green 8′ x 10′ $1,878 ycocarpet.com. **PENDANT LIGHT** $109, **BOWL** Martha Sturdy resin $260 and **BOOK** $90 hollacecluny.ca. @

For more signature pieces, **P 87**

instant updates

Mix patterned fabrics, decorate with lamps and create striking chairs with ease



PRODUCER MARGOT AUSTIN. **PHOTOGRAPH** COURTESY OF THIBAUT WALLPAPER & FABRICS (THIBAUTDESIGN.COM)




mellow yellows Thibaut Westchester in Golden Yellow $140 and Ikat Check in Yellow $135 crownwallpaper.com.




midcentury mod Robert Allen at Home Basquiat in Patina $42, through designers, robertallendesign.com. Schumacher Kerala Ikat Print in Aloe $223, through designers, bilbroughs.com.




refined neutrals Cowtan & Tout Edenwood in 01 $328, through designers, primavera.ca. Schumacher Bleecker in Birch $120, through designers, bilbroughs.com.




citrus punch Tokio P. Bari Tap 280 in 12 $27 designerfabrics.ca. Garden Trellis in Lime $10 tonicliving.com.




grown-up girly Nina Campbell Ophelia in 01 $216, through designers, primavera.ca. Robert Allen at Home Cats Cradle in Papaya $60, through designers, robertallendesign.com.




bold & beautiful Wonderland in Pearl $29 and Tilia/A in 3 $28 designerfabrics.ca.

AHA! IDEA This no-fail recipe takes the mystery out of mixing patterned fabrics: A multicolour floral + a graphic (a check, geometric, trellis or ikat in a colour from the floral) = a decorator-approved duo that will enliven any room. All prices are per yard. →





gilded glamour Carrington Champagne 31½" porcelain-and-acrylic double gourd $599 each arteriorshome.com.



stately classic Martha Stewart Lighting Black Marble Collection 24" pillar $339 each deboers.com.



crisp contemporary Solidity 30" ceramic $100 each eq3.com.

AHA! IDEA Add symmetry and eye-catching heft to a tablescape with a pair of accent lights. Choose large-scale lamps with symmetrical bases; placing irregular-shape bases side by side can look contrived.

PRODUCER BRETT WALTHER. **PHOTOGRAPH** COURTESY OF THIBAUT WALLPAPER & FABRICS (THIBAUTDESIGN.COM)



Paint one chair a different colour.

fresh provençal

MAIN Wales Green 2028-50 and **ACCENT** Sunburst 2023-40 benjaminmoore.com.

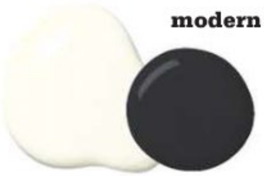
AHA! IDEA We love this idea from New York designer, author, blogger and photographer (phew!) Vicente Wolf. Give wooden chairs a new lease on life with a vibrant paint colour – then kick it up a notch by painting one chair a coordinating colour.

swedish set



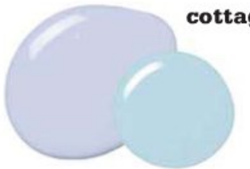
MAIN Pavilion Gray 242 and **ACCENT** Middleton Pink 245 farrow-ball.com.

modern contrast



MAIN Ralph Lauren Paint Pocket Watch White WW01 and **ACCENT** Ralph Lauren Paint Bone Black TH16 homedepot.ca.

cottage combo



MAIN Beauti-Tone Paint My Shadow 601-3 and **ACCENT** Beauti-Tone Paint Tonic 5S2-3 homehardware.ca. @

PRODUCER MARGOT AUSTIN. **PHOTOGRAPH** VICENTE WOLF FROM *CROSSING BOUNDARIES: A GLOBAL VISION OF DESIGN* BY VICENTE WOLF AND CHRISTINE PITTEL (MONACELLI, 2006)



attic family room

the space Carolyn, Derek, eight-year-old Lily and dog Ziggy's third-floor space.

the challenge The unfinished space was a dumping ground for old furniture and family clutter, yet it was filled with light and begging to be used.

the result An airy colour-infused retreat, where Lily plays with her friends and the family gathers for movies and games.

WORDS SAMANTHA PYNN, HOST OF HGTV'S *PURE DESIGN*



CHEERY CHIC Apple green and bright blues energize this comfortable family hangout. Carolyn wanted crisp white walls as a canvas for her art collection.

SECTIONAL, CHAIR upholsteryarts.ca. **CUSHIONS, WALL PANEL** bevhisey.com.

PHOTOGRAPHY VIRGINIA MACDONALD, JOHN QUEENAN (BEFORE). **STYLING** MALCOLM PATTERSON. **ILLUSTRATION** SCOTT ROGERS. **ARTWORK** UNTITLED BY CHRISTIAN MCLEOD (ABOVE TABLE); *BCE 2007* BY EMILIE RONDEAU (LARGE WORK ABOVE SECTIONAL); *WEATHERS OF THE HEART* BY SHARON THOMPSON (TOP RIGHT); *AVAILABLE SKIES* BY RICHARD RHODES (BOTTOM RIGHT); ALL ARTINTERIORS.CA



WINDOW SEAT Take advantage of nooks by adding built-ins with storage, as *Pure Design* carpenter Christian Pavey did under the dormer window and skylight. Piles of pillows make this a perfect spot for reading or sleepovers.

DAYBED FABRIC designerfabrics.ca. **SEWING** Luxe 416-463-0215. **CUSHIONS** bevhisey.com; homesense.ca; ikea.ca.

NATURAL LOOK You don't always have to paint wood. These door frames work because the natural look is repeated in the chairs, seagrass carpet and arrangement of branches.

TABLE, CHAIRS ikea.ca. **BLINDS** hunterdouglas.ca. **DRAPERY FABRIC** through designers, robertallendesign.com. **PAINT** Snowfall White OC-118 benjaminmoore.ca. **FLORALS** teatroverde.com.→



THE PALETTE

For a harmonious look, stick to analogous colours – those that are side by side on the colour wheel.



SECTIONAL, SLIPPER CHAIR
thurlow, upholsteryarts.ca



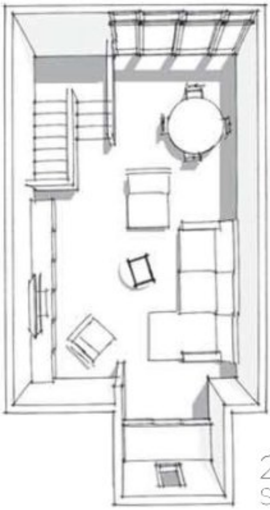
CUSHION
homesense.ca



BERGÈRE CHAIR
trianon-online.com



SEAGRASS CARPET
myla in tea leaf, carpetone.ca

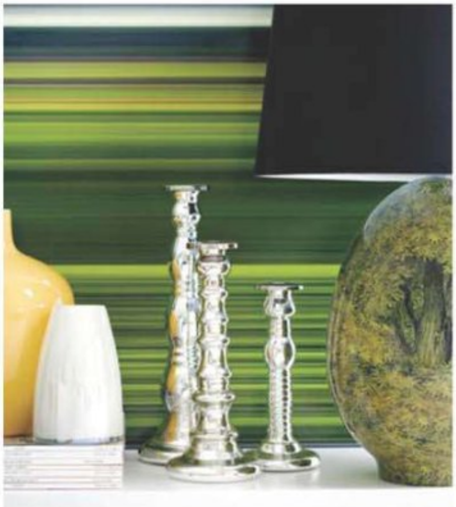


250 SQ. FT.



SMART STORAGE To keep books, accessories and games tidy, Christian wrapped low built-in shelves around the room.

STOOL, LAMP constantineinteriors.com.



TV SOLUTION Make a flat-screen less of a focus by casually leaning a large piece of art against the wall and accessorizing around it. The lamp's shade helps balance the black of the television.

ARTWORK THROUGHOUT artinteriors.ca. **CANDLESTICKS** ikea.ca. **WHITE VASE** teatroverde.com.

SAM'S ECO PICKS

insulating blinds

Honeycomb blinds, like the ones on the deck doors and skylight, help regulate room temperature. The fabric's cellular design creates insulating pockets of air, blocking heat and drafts. They can be custom fit for round, triangular or cathedral windows.

comfy green sectional

Perfect for watching movies or napping, the sectional is made with 100% natural latex and wool padding, and nontoxic glues, stains and finishes. The fabric is biodegradable and recyclable.

natural carpet

Seagrass is a sustainable material that's durable and water resistant. Its natural texture makes a seamless transition from the deck to the TV area, and provides a neutral backdrop to the bright furnishings.@

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ABOUT PURE DESIGN We take a green approach to decorating. My team and I transform everyday rooms into sustainable living spaces with tons of personality. **MY METHOD** Rethink what you have, buy vintage, and research green products to make the best choices for you and your family. **CHECK OUT OUR MAKEOVERS** on HGTV Tuesdays at 9 p.m. ET/10 p.m. PT. For more of my style tips and complete sources, visit hgtv.ca/puredesign.

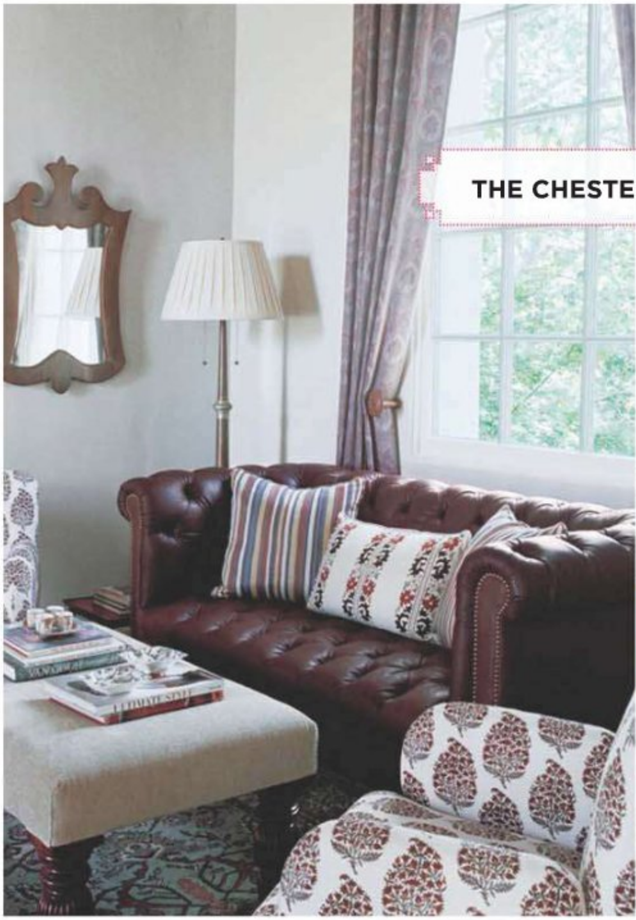


PORTRAIT JOHN QUEENAN. **ARTWORK** *LOT7* BY TREVOR CRAIG MCDONNELL, ARTINTERIORS.CA


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3 hot trends

THE CHESTERFIELD SOFA




This classic piece is hot once again with nesters whose home is their castle. Button tufting and high rolled arms make the chesterfield a sink-into favourite, with a comfort that trumps the clean-lined sofa of recent years.

TRAD | dark & handsome

The old-school chesterfield has a clubby feel, with a whiff of moneyed English manor-house style.

- Best in brown, black or oxblood leather.
- Mix with velvets, stripes and block prints.
- Brass and mahogany are perfect partners.
- Warm colours complete the picture.

RAD | singular & sexy

Overscale and bright white, this attention getter is exaggerated in every way.

- Reinvent with light leather or linen.
- A tone-on-tone rug lets the sofa star.
- Rustic accents are a casual counterpoint.
- Play up texture, not high-contrast prints.

TRAD PHOTOGRAPHY TIM BEDDOW FROM *CLASSIC COUNTRY* BY KATHRYN IRELAND (GIBBS SMITH, 2007). **RAD PHOTOGRAPHY** COURTESY OF BAXTER (PUNTO ORO COLLECTION CHESTER MOON SOFA, BAXTER.IT)

...your way

Make the latest looks work, whether you embrace the modern or the traditional **PRODUCER** MARGOT AUSTIN

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Not since the '80s and the heyday of Laura Ashley have we seen so much repetition of the same pattern in one room – on walls, windows and furniture. This is the revival of a classic decorator trick.

TRAD | colourful & contrasting

A bold Tree of Life print lends a touch of nature to classical architectural details.

- Paint millwork white to frame wallpaper.
- Use the print palette throughout the room.
- Employ the pattern at least three times.
- Shapely furniture echoes curvy vines.

RAD | punchy & pretty

Glossy deep orange silk damask on windows and cushions is the wow factor in a pared-down room.

- Use one signature fabric and keep the rest neutral.
- Choose an overscale motif for maximum impact.
- This is a smart way to use fine fabric in a kid zone.
- Large cushions show off more of the pattern. →

THE WHITE ROOM





First popularized by Syrie Maughan in the 1920s, an all-white room is new again – and forever chic. The key to making it work is in mixing textures.

TRAD | chic & ladylike

Touches of glitter glam up this serene sitting area filled with touchable textiles and refined details.

- Mix pure white with ivory, oyster, mother-of-pearl.
- Reflect mood lighting with mirror and glass.
- Silver leaf and antique nickel lend a mellow patina.
- Quilting, ruching and trims add a feminine flourish.

RAD | calm & linear

Natural wood accents and low-slung furniture lend warmth and intimacy to this pure space.

- Minimal accessories leave sightlines uncluttered.
- Glass and wood introduce elemental interest.
- Sleek angular furniture acts like sculpture.
- High ceilings and abundant natural light are a must. @

TRAD PHOTOGRAPHY PETER VITALE FROM *NANCY CORZINE: GLAMOUR AT HOME* BY NANCY CORZINE AND ROBERT JANJIGIAN (RIZZOLI, 2009). **RAD PHOTOGRAPHY** COURTESY OF CECCONI SIMONE (CECCONISIMONE.COM)



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media camouflage

Decorating the living room around the TV has its challenges. Use one of three simple strategies to ease electronics into your decor **PRODUCER** CHRISTINE HANLON



SHELF (UPPER) Bestå Burs $241, **SHELF (LOWER)** Bestå Norum $655, **CHAIRS** Karlstad $250, **SLIPCOVERS** Sivik dark green $80 each and **LAMP** Kulla $139, all ikea.ca. **STOOL** $252, **TEMPLE JARS** $210 each and **CORAL** $210 angusandcompany.com. **WALLPAPER** Nina Campbell Perroquet $210 per roll, through designers, primavera.ca. **RUG** Jute Bouclé in Platinum $239 westelm.com. **ARTWORK THROUGHOUT** artinteriors.ca.

1 | **hiding in the dark** Choose a dark wallpaper or paint that harmonizes with the TV.

TIPS

hide it
Include closed storage for CDs and DVDs.

hang it
Wall-mount your flat-screen to free up valuable surface area.

measure it
Mount the TV approximately 40" from the floor for ideal viewing.

display it
Take advantage of the opportunity to arrange decorative *objets* and artwork where the TV would normally sit.

access it
Accommodate media components and more in handy open cubbies. This sleek beauty is IKEA's Bestå.

PHOTOGRAPHY MARK BURSTYN. **ARTWORK** THIS PAGE, FROM LEFT, *DEBUTANT* BY ERIN VINCENT, *MAKE THEM GREEN WITH ENVY* BY LORI DOODY, INK DRAWING BY DIANE LINGENFELTER; OPPOSITE PAGE, CLOCKWISE FROM BOTTOM, CHARCOAL ON MYLAR BY MADELEINE LAMONT, *IMPRESSIONABLE PRESENCE #1* BY DEBORAH KANFER, *ANNABELLE* BY HILDA OOMEN, *JAMES BAY INTERIOR II* BY DAVID LADMORE; ALL ARTINTERIORS.CA





2 | **surrounded by art** Arranging a salon-style gallery of images around a television makes it less of a focal point. Exactly the point! **TV** LG flat-screen $2,000 and **DISK PLAYER** Blu Ray $430 lg.com.

3 | **neatly shelved** "Lose" a stylish white TV and speakers among shelf decor and books. It won't steal the show when people drop by – and you can leave the big TV in the basement. **TV** Sony Bravia 19" $600 Reid & Campbell 416-483-3553. **BOOKCASE** Liatorp $440 ikea.ca.

MORE DELICIOUS DARKS

Like Strategy No. 1? Here are other alluring combos.



EXOTIC ELEGANCE
WALLPAPER Lotus Papers 2060 $295 per roll and **PAINT** Off-Black 57 $73 per gallon farrow-ball.com.



ARTS AND LETTERS
WALLPAPER Basso & Brooke Alphabet $139 per roll grahamandbrown.com. **PAINT** Bone Black TH16 from $42 per gallon ralphlaurenhome.com.



SAFARI CHIC
WALLPAPER Jannelli & Volpi Ostriche fabric-backed embossed vinyl UT115 $170 per metre newwall.ca. **PAINT** Out for a Stroll P5204-14 from $35 per gallon para.com.

HIP HIDEAWAYS



GO UNDER COVER Eliminate the hassle (and unsightliness) of tangled wires by hiding all your gadgets in a docking station – sleek white lacquer, in this case. **DOCKING STATION** $39 westelm.com.



STASH THE GOODS Vintage wood or glossy lacquer, clear acrylic or fabric wrapped, a lidded box stows all manner of media accoutrements, including remotes. **BOXES** Lacquered from $78 angusandcompany.com.

For more TVs and another storage option, **P 87**

quiet glamour

Interior designer Barbara Barry captures the elegance and graciousness of Hollywood style **WORDS** PATRICIA GAJO



HOME BASE Los Angeles

CLAIM TO FAME Furniture designer and arbiter of West Coast sophistication, inducted into *Interior Design's* Hall of Fame



CALMING INFLUENCES Use cool tones to create a sense of sophisticated calm. Here, the subtle layering of soft celadons does just that.

Barbara Barry is revered for her simple, elegant designs. Since launching her business in 1985, Barbara has worked on celebrity homes as well as high-profile commercial projects. She has received accolades from numerous sources, including *Architectural Digest*. In addition to her many product lines, she opened her first lifestyle store in Moscow last fall; a second one is slated for Singapore later this year.

PHOTOGRAPHY COURTESY OF BARBARA BARRY COMPANY (INTERIORS, PRODUCTS), MARK E. HARRIS (PORTRAIT)



PATTERN PLAY Introduce colour and pattern with wallpaper. This room is wrapped in a vibrant hand-painted silk wall-covering that takes its cue from the southern exposure.

How did your art background prepare you for interior design?

Barbara Barry It taught me to see rooms as two-dimensional paintings, in which colour and composition are key. I almost always start any project by making a watercolour. It's my way of sketching.

What architectural structure last made an impression on you?

Barbara Frank Gehry's Walt Disney Concert Hall in Los Angeles. It's all one material and colour (silver steel) and works as a lovely, quiet sculpture in a visually busy city. →

BARBARA'S **SMALL-SPACE** DECORATING TIPS

pare down your palette

DO choose a pale colour scheme of no more than three colours and stick to it.
DON'T do a high-contrast design, which is better suited to a larger space. Opt for low-contrast colours.

cut down on clutter

DO make room for storage. Purge, so the stuff of life doesn't overpower a good design.
DON'T give in to small purchases that can clutter a space. Keep it simple.

keep the lights low

DO stick to lamplight. And avoid downlighting from the ceiling.
DON'T overlight a room; it takes away from the mood natural light brings.

work with what you have

DO take into account things you can't change, like low ceilings or no natural light, and work with them.
DON'T forget what's most important to you. If it's creating calm, then less is more.



MIX IT UP Set a dynamic table by mixing pieces from various sets of china.

Barbara Barry for Wedgwood Radiance Collection fine bone china waterfordwedgwood.com.



FOCUS ON FLATTERING Keep lighting as natural as possible by using lamps instead of ceiling fixtures.

Lotus table lamp visualcomfortlightinglights.com.



START SMALL At the start of a project, Barbara collects materials and objects in her inspiration tray. "Beginning on a small scale allows me to see the interconnectedness between things," she says.

"Elegance is very important to me, especially when you can make it seem natural and easy" BARBARA BARRY



SOFT TOUCH Treat your rooms to a new on-trend colour combo. Dusty lavender and touches of silver soften and unify the rich mahogany furniture in this master bedroom.

How has your personal style evolved?
Barbara My work, which is guided by a philosophy of creating beauty and calm, has just gotten stronger with time. For me, it's about how a room feels, the mood of that space and the healing power it has.

What's your favourite room in the home?
Barbara The bedroom. It's where we begin and end each day, and it can be terrifically soothing if the room is beautiful and nurturing.

What's your current decor fetish?
Barbara Simplicity with a dot of colour. I'm working on my living room and am obsessed with how the many shades of celadon will be punched by a small red sculpture I found.

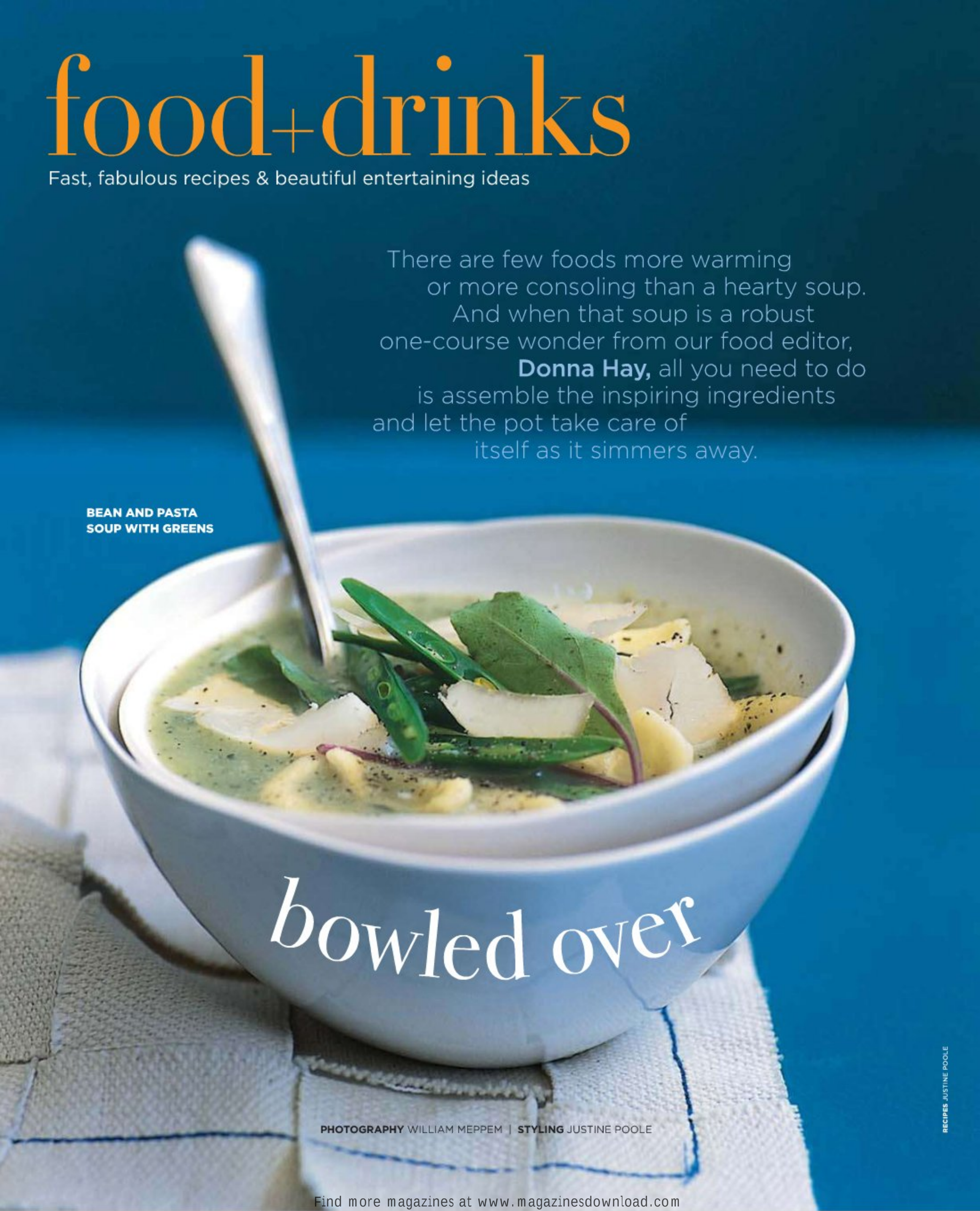
Do you like to entertain?
Barbara I love to! The pleasure comes from years of helping my clients find everything they need, such as a small pitcher for the hot milk for coffee and the right-size spoon for the saucer. I love taking care of my guests with little luxuries like crisply ironed napkins and tablecloths. I subscribe to the saying, 'Living well is the best revenge,' and walk my talk.

How often do you redecorate?
Barbara Infrequently. It takes me forever to decide on something for myself, so when I torture myself over it, I want it to last. I'm decorating my new house for the first time. Wish me luck! @


JANES
Family Foods
We're ready when you are!
Recital 3:30
Rink Time 5:00
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There are few foods more warming or more consoling than a hearty soup. And when that soup is a robust one-course wonder from our food editor, **Donna Hay,** all you need to do is assemble the inspiring ingredients and let the pot take care of itself as it simmers away.

BEAN AND PASTA SOUP WITH GREENS

bowled over

PHOTOGRAPHY WILLIAM MEPPEM | **STYLING** JUSTINE POOLE

RECIPES JUSTINE POOLE

bean and pasta soup with greens

¼ cup (60 mL) olive oil
2 onions, chopped
8 cloves garlic, sliced
⅓ cup (75 mL) thyme leaves
8 zucchini, trimmed and chopped
8 cups (2 L) chicken stock
7 oz (200 g) orechiette pasta
1 lb (500 g) green beans, trimmed and halved
sea salt and cracked black pepper
baby beetroot or flat-leaf parsley leaves and pecorino, to serve

Heat oil in a large saucepan over medium heat. Add onion, garlic, thyme and zucchini and cook for 5-8 minutes or until softened. Add the stock and stir to combine. Place the zucchini mixture in a food processor and process until smooth. Return to the pan, add the pasta and cook for 10 minutes. Add beans, salt and pepper and cook for another 3-5 minutes or until the pasta is tender but firm. Top the soup with beetroot leaves and cheese to serve. **SERVES 4** →

THE BOTTOM OF THE BOWL

super soakers Char-grilled bread, crunchy croutons and cheese-topped bruschetta add substance and texture – and they're great for mopping up the last yummy drops.

fresh flavours Stir in some wilted spinach, baby arugula or beetroot leaves for flavour and textural contrast.

hale & hearty Make vegetable soups even more robust and flavourful by stirring in mini meatballs, or sliced cooked chicken, bacon, chorizo or your favourite sausage.





STIR-THROUGHS

PASTES WITH PUNCH Pestos (basil and almonds, coriander and cashews, or red peppers and pine nuts) kick life into a simple soup. Or try a tapenade of olives and capers. Mashed cooked root veggies or peas provide extra body and depth.

CREAM OR CRUNCH Add a dollop of sour cream, crème fraîche or mascarpone. Torn bocconcini or a spoonful of goat's cheese lends a wonderful tang. Provide textural contrast with fresh herbs, crunchy croutons or chopped roasted nuts.

SPINACH SOUP WITH CREAMY MUSTARD MASH

Who could resist a golden slab of bruschetta as a complement to soup and a means of soaking up every last delicious drop?


CABBAGE AND CHICKPEA SOUP WITH BRUSCHETTA

spinach soup with creamy mustard mash

½ cup (125 mL) butter
2 onions, chopped
2 cloves garlic, chopped
4 x 400 g bunches fresh spinach, trimmed, washed and chopped
¼ cup (60 mL) chervil leaves
6 cups (1.5 L) chicken stock
sea salt and cracked black pepper

creamy mustard mash
4 lb (2 kg) floury potatoes, peeled and chopped
¼ cup (60 mL) butter
1 cup (250 mL) whipping cream (35%)
1 tbsp (15 mL) hot English mustard, plus extra, to serve

To make the creamy mustard mash, place the potatoes in a saucepan of cold water and bring to a boil. Cook for 20-30 minutes or until tender. Drain and return to the saucepan. Add butter, cream, mustard and salt. Mash until smooth. Set aside and keep warm.

Heat butter in a large saucepan over low heat. Add onion and garlic and cook for 10 minutes or until just golden. Add spinach and chervil and cook for 5 minutes or until wilted. Add stock and cook for 5 minutes.

Place in a food processor and process until smooth. Season with salt and pepper and stir through. Place spoonfuls of the mash in the base of bowls. Pour the soup over the mash to serve. **SERVES 4**


PORTRAIT GARY HEERY

DONNA HAY, FOOD EDITOR

MY PHILOSOPHY
Start simple. There's no need to get too complicated. Basically, you've just got to get in there and do it. It's not about how many ingredients you use – it's about their quality and freshness.

cabbage and chickpea soup with bruschetta

2 tbsp (30 mL) olive oil
2 red onions, finely sliced
6 cloves garlic, sliced
2 cups (500 mL) dried chickpeas (garbanzos), soaked
1 x 28 oz (796 mL) can tomatoes, chopped
10 cups (2.5 L) chicken stock
2 cups (500 mL) water
15 oz (400 g) savoy cabbage, sliced
sea salt and cracked black pepper
8 slices sourdough bread
2 cups (500 mL) shredded aged cheddar
roughly chopped flat-leaf parsley, to serve

Heat oil in a large saucepan over medium heat. Add the onion and garlic and cook for 5-8 minutes or until softened. Add the chickpeas, tomatoes, stock and water. Bring to a boil, reduce the heat to low, cover and cook for 2 hours or until the chickpeas are tender. Add the cabbage, salt and pepper and cook for 3-5 minutes longer or until the cabbage has wilted.

Place the bread on a baking tray and cook under a preheated broiler for 1 minute or until browned. Turn, top with cheese and grill for another minute or until the cheese is melted and golden. Place bruschetta in the base of serving bowls and pour in the soup. Top with the parsley to serve. **SERVES 4** @

fast five

Donna Hay's fresh quickies for every night of the week



1 | VEAL + CAPER BUTTER

PHOTOGRAPHY WILLIAM MEPPEM | STYLING JUSTINE POOLE + STEVE PEARCE

1 | veal + caper butter

Pan-fry veal steaks with 2 tbsp (30 mL) butter in a hot frying pan for 3-4 minutes on each side. Add 2 tbsp (30 mL) of rinsed capers and the zest of 1 lemon. Top with roughly chopped flat-leaf parsley and a squeeze of lemon juice.

2 | vegetable + sesame stir-fry

Stir-fry a sliced onion, 2 sliced chilies, 1 cup (250 mL) sliced green beans, 1 sliced red bell pepper, 2 sliced zucchinis and broccoli florets with 2 tbsp (30 mL) oyster sauce. Stir in chopped Thai basil and toasted sesame seeds to serve.

3 | lemon chicken

Flatten (butterfly) a 2 lb (1 kg) chicken and place in a baking dish with 4 lemon halves and 6 garlic cloves. Sprinkle with sea salt and cracked black pepper and drizzle with olive oil. Cook in a 400°F (200°C) oven for 35-40 minutes or until cooked through. Serve with a green salad or potato salad.

4 | spaghetti vongole

Melt butter in a large saucepan with 3 or 4 crushed garlic cloves. Add 1 cup (250 mL) dry white wine and 2 lb (1 kg) vongole (baby) or other clams, or mussels. Cook until shells are opened. Stir in chopped flat-leaf parsley, sea salt, cracked black pepper and 7 oz (200 g) cooked spaghetti. Squeeze lemon on top.

5 | sticky pork ribs

Place 1 lb (500 g) Chinese spare ribs in a baking dish lined with parchment paper. Combine ½ cup (125 mL) each of honey and soy sauce, ¼ cup (60 mL) hoisin sauce and 2 crushed garlic cloves. Pour the sauce over the ribs and toss to coat. Cook in a 350°F (180°C) oven for 30 minutes or until cooked through and sticky. Serve with steamed rice and hoisin or chili sauce. →

ALL RECIPES SERVE 2

RECIPES JUSTINE POOLE + STEVE PEARCE



VEGETABLE + SESAME STIR-FRY | 2



3 | LEMON CHICKEN



SPAGHETTI VONGOLE | 4



5 | STICKY PORK RIBS

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veal + caper butter

PAIRING The best wine match for veal is a classic Chardonnay with little, if any, oakiness. This white's subtle flavours permit the veal to star, and its supple mouth feel stands up to the meat's fleshy texture. **KONRAD'S PICK** Bouchard Père & Fils Mâcon-Lugny Saint-Pierre 2007, France, $15





vegetable + sesame stir-fry

PAIRING If hot chili peppers and wine attempt to spar, everyone loses. A great match for a spicy stir-fry is a rich amber lager for the cooling effect of its subtle sweetness and not-too-bitter finish. **KONRAD'S PICK** Sleeman Honey Brown Lager, $22 per 12 bottles (341 mL each), $2 per can (473 mL)





lemon chicken

PAIRING Choose a white with ripe flavours of apple, pear and citrus, full-bodied mouth feel and refreshing acidity to cleanse the palate. Gently oaked Chardonnay, Viognier, dry Riesling and Pinot Blanc all fit the bill. **KONRAD'S PICK** Jacob's Creek Semillon Chardonnay 2009, Australia, $13





spaghetti vongole

PAIRING When you cook seafood with wine, it's always a good idea to serve the same bottle you put into the pot. With this dish of pasta and clams, opt for a crisp, unoaked, lemony white with a Chablis-like mineral finish. **KONRAD'S PICK** Fazi Battaglia Verdicchio 2008, Italy, $11





sticky pork ribs

PAIRING Any time pork is treated to sweet, spicy and smoky sauces, a good accompaniment is a young fruity red. Chill Beaujolais or Valpolicella, but serve Zinfandel, Shiraz or Carmenère at just below room temperature. **KONRAD'S PICK** Dancing Bull Zinfandel 2007, United States, $12 @



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CRISP CONTRAST

A pared-down palette of white and black enhances the architectural details and laid-back luxury of this light-filled family home

WORDS CATRINE MANNERUP | **PHOTOGRAPHY** ANITA BEHRENDT

PHOTOGRAPHY ANITA BEHRENDT, LINNEA PRESS



DINING ROOM (opposite) Here and in the living area, Rikke stained the floor black. The crisp contrast with the white furnishings conveys a feeling of luxury. Built-in shelving contributes to an impression of orderly calm and leads the eye upward to the elegant mouldings and plaster ceiling.

RUG (similar to shown) Egeby sisal ikea.ca. **TABLE** (similar to shown, if painted white) 01DT026 blvdinteriors.com.

LIVING ROOM When jewelry artisan Rikke Gransoe (above) stepped into this 3,800 sq. ft. home, it was love at first sight. "Even though the whole house was in very bad condition, there were so many charming details I thought, I just have to live here," she says. Her first goal was to open up the space and take advantage of the gorgeous view of the garden through the bay window.

SOFA, CHAIR AND OTTOMAN (all similar to shown) Nicki mgbwhome.com. →



LIVING ROOM From the kitchen, you can see into the living room, where a trio of artwork reinforces the black-and-white palette.



EAT-IN KITCHEN Serving as a home-work and crafts station during meal prep, the table is also a wonderful spot to enjoy a morning coffee and the beautiful light streaming in via the garden. The plate rail is the right height for a flat-screen and mini-gallery of kids' paintings.

SUSPENSION LIGHT (similar to shown) Tolomeo Mega artemide.com. →



1,800 SQ. FT.
MAIN FLOOR





ILLUSTRATION SCOTT ROGERS

KITCHEN Custom drawers surrounding the built-in oven provide lots of storage. Unify a wood-panelled kitchen by covering the hood as well. Glass doors on the cupboards echo the French doors leading from the living room. An oversize apron-front sink and light wood countertops are country kitchen classics.

FAUCET Edsvik, **SINK** Domsjö and **COUNTERTOPS** Numerär birch (all similar to shown) ikea.ca. →



BEDROOM Hang bold artwork above a bed in place of a headboard. Horizontal blinds are a simple and stylish way to dress windows with rads below. Bare painted floors have a beach-house feel all year round.

BED (similar to shown) Excelsior II hastens.com. **FLOOR LAMP** (similar to shown) BL3 bestlite.com. **BEDDING** (similar to shown) homesense.ca.



STUDIO OFFICE Inspired spaces nurture creativity. Rikke loves her bright, high-ceilinged office, where she works on new jewelry designs surrounded by her children's drawings.

UNCOMPLICATED STYLE

Homeowner Rikke Gransoe describes her approach to streamlined decor.

How would you sum up your style?

"Minimalistic, simple and clean. I like to create 'silence' through the furnishings."

What's most charming about your house?

"Not everything is perfect – and it shouldn't be. The garden, with its huge fruit trees and bushes, has been left as is: far from neat and tidy."

What's your favourite room?

"The large living room and its bay window. There's so much light – it's a great place to relax."

Where do you buy your furniture?

"All sorts of places, and some of it my husband and I had before we were together. We seldom move the furniture around, but we occasionally change pictures or paintings."

What do you shop for at flea markets?

"I like old frames, silver bowls, coloured glasses and Christmas decorations. And, of course, I'm always on the lookout for old jewelry. My best find is a box with antique hand-painted Christmas balls – I bought it for almost nothing."

What would you grab first if the house were burning down?

"Photo albums with pictures of the kids and all the creations they make in school – which I love!" @



LIVING ROOM "Mixing styles and textures makes decorating fun," says homeowner Sean Ward. He furnished the space with down-filled seating, small tables, a rush rug and table lamps for a cosy hangout.

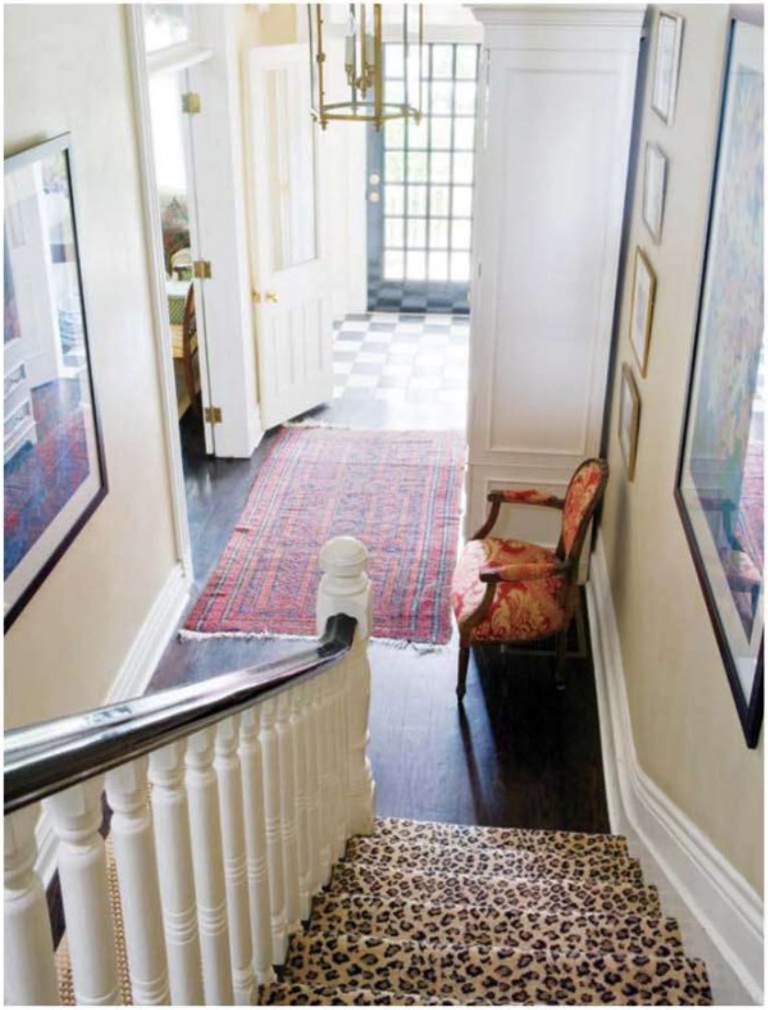
PAINT Golden Sunrise P5062-41D (walls) para.com. **SOFA, OTTOMAN, ARMCHAIRS, DRAPERY** Darragh Phelan Design 416-926-1344. **RUG** elte.com.



ENGLISH ECCENTRICITY

Creating vibrant, comfy rooms with personality is a passion for these homeowners

WORDS TRISSE LOXLEY | **PHOTOGRAPHY** VIRGINIA MACDONALD



HALLWAY What could have been a sedate space is instead a lively one, thanks to a combo of modern art and antique prints, a colourful rug and Louis-style chair, and a fun leopard-print carpet. The slate-and-marble checkerboard floor in the entrance is elegant yet durable for these dog owners.

FLOOR TILE countryfloors.com. **STAIR CARPET** Stark Leopard elte.com. →



CHINA CABINET The dining room armoire is home to family heirlooms and antique-store finds. "Using a complete set of the same pattern is lovely, but it's more exciting to mix things up," says Sean. "It creates an interesting table, plus you get to use more of your favourite things at the same time."

CHINA Royal Crown Derby deveaugalleries.com.



DINING ROOM "The modern art paired with traditional furniture and in particular the carpet creates an energy, whether we're dining or just passing through," says Sean.

CHAIRS Darragh Phelan Design 416-926-1344. **CHAIR FABRIC** through designers, brunschwig.com. **ART** andreabolley.com. →

"I've never been a fan of rooms that look like everything is from the same store. A home should give you a glimpse of someone's personality" SEAN WARD, OWNER

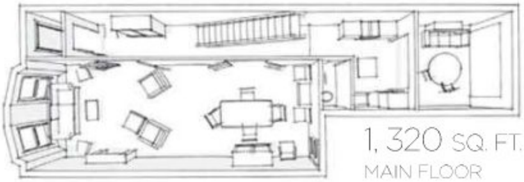
KITCHEN Sean and partner Stephen Fillmore chose Shaker-style cabinetry and beadboard panelling for an old-world flavour. "Often we'll have the first course at the dining table, then serve the rest as a buffet here. It makes people feel at home."

CABINETRY, PANELLING Carleton Design 416-910-8385. **OVEN, RANGE HOOD** caplans.ca. **TABLE** dinetz.ca.



"I like ceremony without pretence: soup served from a tureen with a silver ladle, not a tray of bowls"

SEAN WARD, OWNER



BREAKFAST ROOM With a down-filled sofa, roomy table and hidden TV, the bright breakfast room off the kitchen is a cosy spot for dinner. An Italian tole chandelier and pint-size lamp lend touches of charm.

SOFA, BLINDS rewrap.ca. **SOFA & BLIND FABRIC** through designers, brunschwig.com. **CHANDELIER** ofthingspast.com. **RUG** elte.com.

This 1870s house in Toronto's Cabbagetown neighbourhood needed work, but for owners Sean Ward and Stephen Fillmore, the focus was more on restoration than renovation. Even though a lot of the original detail from the second and third floors was gone, they loved the way the house was designed, including the fact that rooms were separated by walls.

Creating welcoming rooms was important to the couple, who enjoy entertaining. "Comfort is big – not just for us, but for our guests," says Sean, an interior consultant and former creative associate for the decor and consignment shop Elliott & Ward. In fact, there isn't a space – from the kitchen and living room to the bath – that doesn't offer a down-filled chair to sink into. Rooms are decorated with items collected over a lifetime. There's the kilim rug Sean bought in Egypt in the entry hall, the 300-year-old tray table in the living room, and the painting by the Group of Seven's J.E.H. MacDonald that Sean inherited in the dining room.

"We love classic design, but we also try to inject a little humour," Sean says, pointing out whimsical pieces like a leopard-print carpet and artwork from his grade school days. The result is a look with an English sensibility – that slightly eccentric style of mixing periods of furniture and art, and patterns and textures. "The British knew how to create a place to live in, not just a space to march through with a martini."

The pair have been so successful at creating a cosy, livable home that at times guests don't want to leave. "They say, 'I just want to grab a book and sit here in the corner,'" says Sean. "It's the best compliment we could get." →

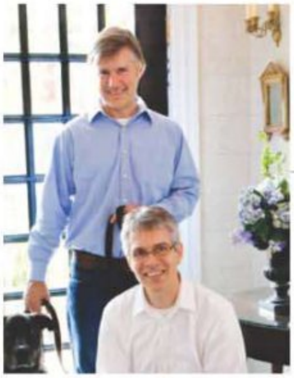


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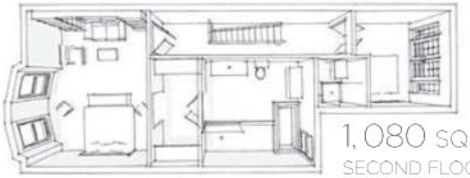
MASTER BEDROOM Anchored by neutrals and tall windows, this room says airy and soothing. "I injected some oomph with orange saris," says Sean. He spruced up the junk shop chandelier with spray paint and new shades.

HEADBOARD, ARMCHAIR Carleton Design 416-910-8385. **BED CUSHIONS, DRAPERY** rewrap.ca. **BED CUSHION & DRAPERY FABRIC** House Party Chambray, through designers, kravetcanada.com.



STYLE SECRETS

Get inspired with ideas from owners Sean Ward (left) and Stephen Fillmore.



1,080 SQ. FT.
SECOND FLOOR

your home's personality

"Warm and comfortable, like the type of person who immediately puts you at ease the first time you meet."

decorating inspiration

"Travel, life and experience. They're key to finding your style, which evolves."

favourite designers

"John Fowler, David Milnaric, Nancy Lancaster, Michael Kime, Michael Smith, Sister Parish, Miles Reed, Albert Hadley."

best flea market find

"I don't drive, so I don't really go to flea markets," says Sean. "For me, the Net is great for deals. The best ones on eBay are for tableware; when you compare eBay prices for silver and porcelain to retail prices, it's astounding."

biggest decorating mistake & lessons learned

"In one of my first apartments, I painted each room a different colour," says Sean. "I didn't get that rooms have to relate to or at least flow into one another. Lesson learned: look at the whole picture and have an overall plan."

mood setters

"Lighting, flowers, music, a fire, comfortable seating, great china and silver – the whole package."

word of advice

"Have a classic background you can add to over time, no matter what your style. If the quality is there, it will all work." @



MASTER BATHROOM This look sprang from a love of old hotel bathrooms. Furnishings create a homey living room feel.

CHEST, MIRROR Sean Ward Interior Consultant 647-309-9937. **BLIND** Darragh Phelan Design 416-926-1344.

SMALL SPACE OF THE MONTH

narrow row house

the space A cosy 14½′ wide Victorian cottage in the city

who lives here *Canadian Gardening* magazine editor Erin McLaughlin, who has created a welcoming sanctuary filled with midcentury furniture and cherished keepsakes

modern sentiments



ENTRY When you first walk in, it's hard not to notice my love for animals, which includes my herd of five horses and two dogs. Portraits, by my artist friend Jenn Pratt, of Beaudelaire, my Oldenburg-cross gelding, help transport me out of the city whenever I look at them.

WALLPAPER farrow-ball.com. **BASKET** muuto.com.

WORDS ERIN MCLAUGHLIN | **PHOTOGRAPHY** VIRGINIA MACDONALD

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LIVING ROOM An all-neutral room becomes dramatic with the addition of a French blue linen sofa. The contemporary Lucite coffee table adds the style contrast that I love.

SOFA crateandbarrel.ca. **RUG** ycocarpet.com. **PAINT** Skimming Stone 241 (walls), Railings 31 (trim) and Elephant's Breath 229 (mirror) farrow-ball.com. **CHAIR & DRAPERY FABRIC** through designers, robertallendesign.com. **TABLE** hghg.ca. **SEWING** Wesley Seto Design 416-538-3223. **LONG CUSHION FABRIC** through designers, leejofa.com. **LARGE SQUARE CUSHIONS** dwellshop.com. **LIGHT** Tolomeo store.palazzetti.ca. →



BACK LOUNGE The bane of most rowhouses is a deficit of natural light. I peppered the ceiling with as many halogen pot lights as I could afford, and put on a 10' addition with glass doors and a transom to brighten the space.

PAINT farrow-ball.com. **SOFA** whittingtonfurniture.com. **SOFA UPHOLSTERY** through designers, robertallendesign.com. **COFFEE TABLE** James Lewis Carpentry lewiscarpentry@live.ca. **SIDE TABLE, GLASSES** muuto.com. **COFFEE MAKER** nespresso.com. **SINK** Herbeau gingersbath.com. **CABINETRY HARDWARE** topexhardware.com.





MODERN DISPLAY My dad, a former architect, inspired my love for collecting. I'm lucky to work with so many talented artists – my only challenge is wall space. This mixed-media piece (above right), *Pre-wrap Series #012* by Canadian artist Andrea Bolley, was a gift from my father.

ART andreabolley.com.

KITCHEN Tallulah (pictured) and Janou are incorrigible when it comes to food on the counter. Limestone counters and floor tiles camouflage the crumbs.

REFRIGERATOR jenn-air.ca.

It never occurred to me that I could have a love affair with a house. After all, bricks and mortar do not a life partner make. But in the case of a 14½' wide Victorian cottage in midtown Toronto and a recently divorced magazine editor, romance was definitely in the air on a spring day in 2002.

It was never a question of style that drew me to my tiny abode. It was the sense that, when I first walked through the door of the crooked charmer, I belonged there. Of course, there was nothing even remotely appropriate about my 1887 heritage house. It needed a full renovation, from plumbing to drywall, and I was determined never to "reno again." But like anyone attracted to the wrong partner, I wore rose-coloured glasses the first day that I saw the place. Crumbling walls were merely "patina," and knob-and-tube wiring was "nostalgic." As I stood on the threshold, I knew I had fallen – hard. And now, eight years later, my little house continues to captivate me.

There are compromises in every long-term relationship. On the occasions my house partner has disappointed me in substance, it has quickly made up for any shortcomings with style. The long, narrow rooms are a perfect complement to my look: contemporary with a nod to quirky, Euro style. High ceilings are the terrific backdrop for my burgeoning collection of photos and paintings. Original doors and vintage hardware – yes,

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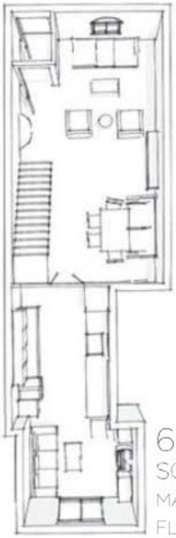
DINING ROOM Finding the right piece (especially in a tiny house) is always a challenge. In this case, the chandelier was my Holy Grail. My minimalist hand-blown fixture (I call it the fishbowl) from Niche Modern was a thrilling find.

PENDANT LIGHT nichemodern.com. **CHAIRS** Bertoia gabrielross.com. **CARPET** ycocarpet.com. **PATTERNED CUSHIONS** dwellshop.com. **DECANTERS** muuto.com.

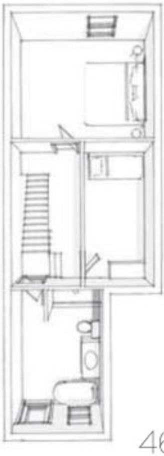
erin's palette ***now***



The walls were updated with a pale dove grey, Farrow & Ball's Skimming Stone 241. The change is subtle but I love the quiet sophistication, especially when paired with Farrow & Ball's crisp white Pointing 2003.



600 SQ. FT. MAIN FLOOR



460 SQ. FT. SECOND FLOOR

I've been locked in rooms before – mix beautifully with midcentury modern furniture. And the southern light in my bathroom is just right for warming the claw-foot tub.

My initial intent was to make the house feel like it had been frozen in time – tumbled-limestone floors and an Aga cooker were meant to emulate the look of a 19th-century English manor, while dark stained oak floors, floor-to-ceiling silk drapes and creamy paint helped create my version of a 1920s Parisian apartment.

Throughout our comfortable years together, I have been faithful with a consistent palette of neutrals – a must for small houses. Though the colours have shifted from warm to cool (Farrow & Ball's Matchstick was repainted with Skimming Stone this past spring), the overall serenity is the same. For impact, I use dramatic accent colours to draw the eye from room to room. I admit I'm fickle with colour: my once beloved pink has given way to a new favourite shade – a fresh French blue. And my house has been kind with my addiction to beautiful fabric. I've been able to refine and redecorate as my mood or the seasons change, with an assortment of cushions and curtains.

Although those exciting honeymoon days may long be over, walking into my house is like climbing into a warm bath. The interiors are not only a comfort to me, but also a never-ending source of quiet joy and inspiration. A place I can call my own. @



BEDROOM I painted my room a chameleonic Great White by Farrow & Ball. It changes throughout the day – grey in daylight and moody purple at night.

PAINT Great White 2006 farrow-ball.com. **BEDDING** (except throw cushions) Lucca 416-485-4999. **FABRICS** (in corner) through designers, robertallendesign.com.



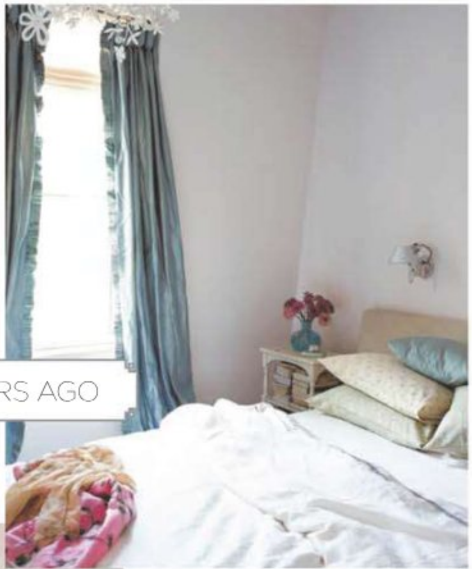
ILLUSTRATIONS SCOTT ROGERS. **ARTWORK** SCULPTURE BY CYBELE YOUNG (OVER BED), PHOTOGRAPH BY VIRGINIA MACDONALD (LEANING ON SHELF)

finding her style

When I first moved in, an obsession with velvet, silk and embroidered fabrics inspired my sophisticated "girly" look. I covered a 1930s French chair in raspberry velvet and painted my walls to coordinate with the warm tones of the silk Fortuny ceiling lamp I got in London, England. I also had bedroom drapes sewn in turquoise silk to look like a ball gown.



FIVE YEARS AGO





LIVING ROOM An eclectic combination of vintage French chairs, a kilim rug and an ersatz assortment of cushions created an informal look.
BEDROOM Floral-print Kathryn Ireland fabrics sewn into pillowcases were a nice contrast to my modern Niels Bendtsen bed from Kiosk.
KITCHEN A warm palette, vintage swing-arm rods from my former house and embroidered linen drapes softened the look of my back room.

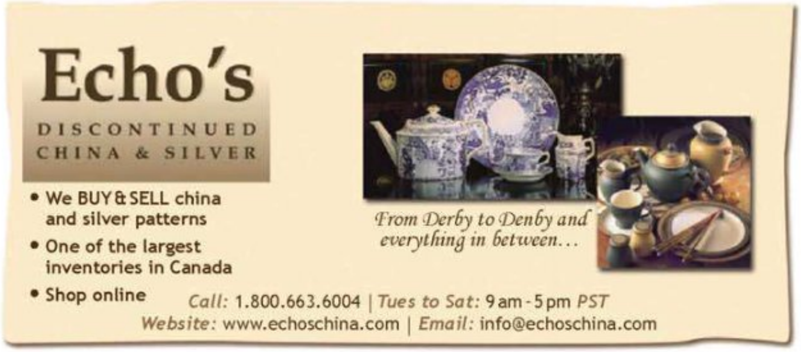


erin's palette *then*

Farrow & Ball's Matchstick 2013 gave my rooms a candlelit appearance – at any time of day. Trim was painted White Tie 2002 (also Farrow & Ball).

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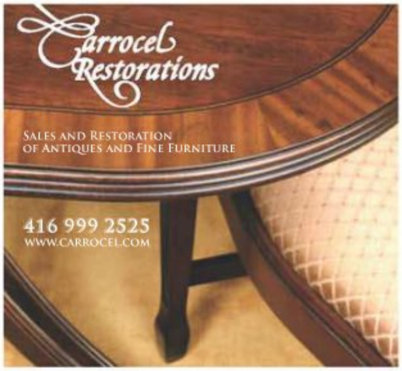

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tv lineup

Do you have a supporting role to fill or are you looking for a new star? Our TV roundup gives you the backstory on this key player.



WIRELESS WONDER Cut down on cord clutter with this edge-lit LED LCD HDTV. Ethernet connection allows direct access to free/premium movies, sports and music from websites like YouTube and Yahoo! **Sony Bravia KDL-46XBR10** 46" $3,999 sonystyle.ca.



INTEGRATED IPOD Enjoy music, videos or podcasts with an on-screen media centre. Plus, preview digital photos in HD using the Viera image viewer's SD memory card slot. **Panasonic TC-L32X1** 32" with **iPod playback entertainment system** $700 panasonic.ca.



SUPERSLIM DESIGN Less than 1" thick at its thinnest point, this wireless TV offers superior picture quality with Trumotion 240 Hz for the ultimate HD experience. **LG LHX** 55" $5,500 lge.ca.



ECO OPTION Using UltraBrilliant LED backlight technology, this is the world's most energy-efficient TV, boasting the lowest power consumption on the market. And every seat is the best one in the house thanks to the 172-degree viewing angle. **Sharp Aquos LC46LE700UN** 46" $2,500 sharp.ca.

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SPACE SAVING Smart design means doors fold back for full TV viewing.

TV STORAGE UNIT Bjornholmen $699 ikea.ca.

3 signature pieces FROM P 29

another fresh look

Let these three classic pieces be the starting point of your dramatic new design.

SLIPCOVER SOLUTION



BED FRAME Vanvik queen in Blekinge White $499 ikea.ca.

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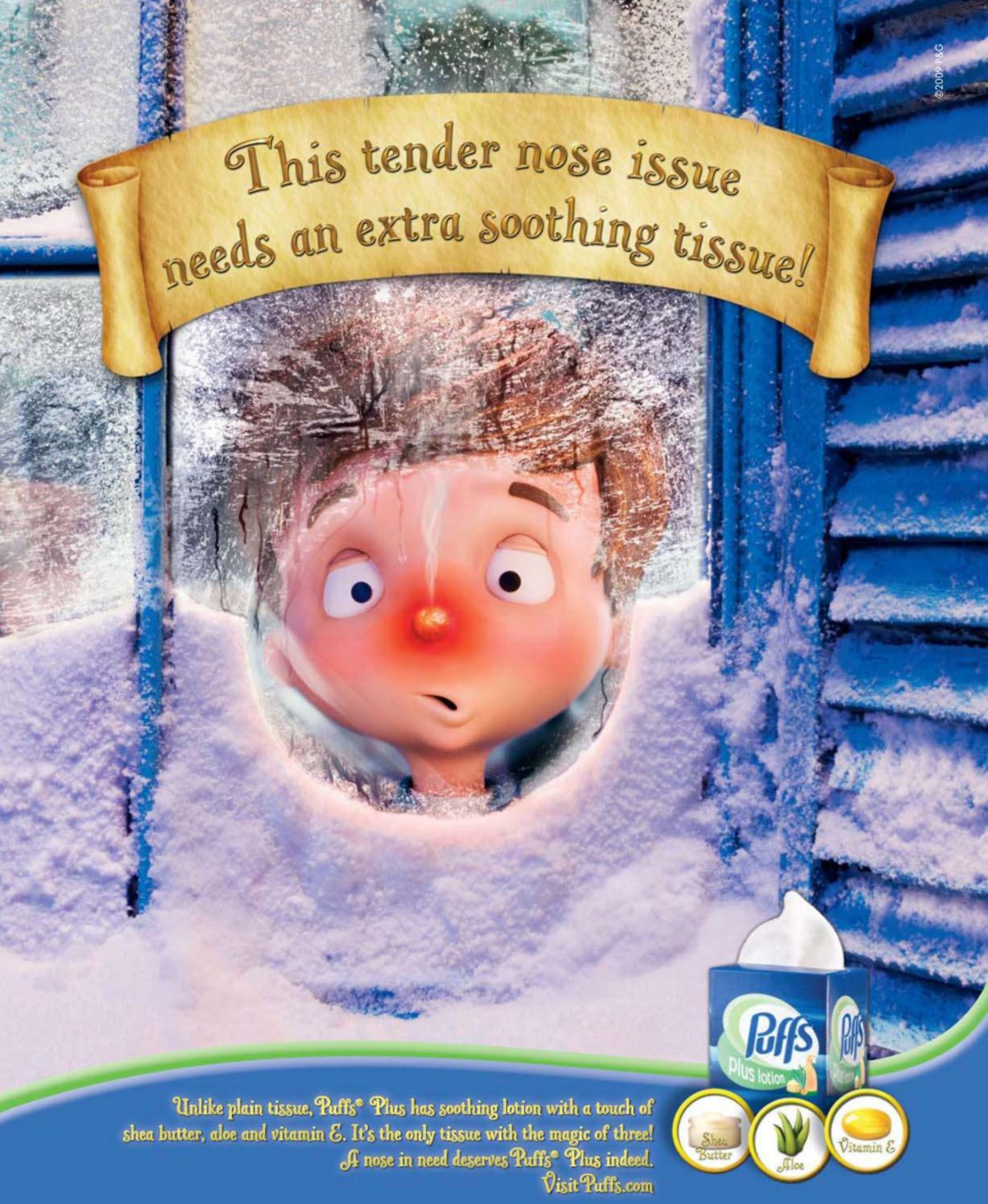


SOFA TABLE 2Morrow storage $199 eq3.com.

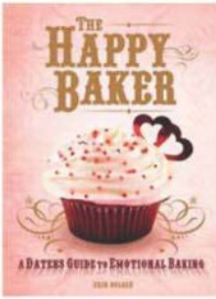
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ARMCHAIR Zebra $859 deboers.com. →


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no-bake valentine treats



MY MOM IS ALWAYS RIGHT CHOCA-MOCHA SQUARES

Excerpted from *The Happy Baker: A Dater's Guide to Emotional Baking* ($29, Happy Baker, 2009).

½ cup granulated sugar
2 tbsp cocoa powder
1 egg
½ cup butter
1 tsp vanilla
½ cup toasted slivered almonds*
2 cups graham wafer crumbs

CHOCA-MOCHA ICING

1 tbsp cocoa powder
1 tbsp butter, softened
1 tbsp strong hot coffee
1 cup icing sugar

Combine sugar, cocoa powder and egg in a saucepan and mix well.

Add butter and cook over medium heat, stirring frequently, until bubbly.

Remove from heat and add vanilla and nuts; mix well. Gradually stir in graham wafer crumbs. Press into greased 8" square pan. Let cool.

Choca-Mocha Icing: Mix cocoa powder, butter and hot coffee until smooth. Gradually stir in icing sugar until creamy. Spread over cooled squares. Cut out hearts with cookie cutter or cut into squares. Refrigerate until serving.

** Spread almond slivers on baking sheet and toast in 325°F oven for 5 to 7 minutes.*



PHOTOGRAPHY (CHOCO-MOCHA SQUARES) JASON HERVEY

food news FROM P 22
3 lucky foods

Vancouver-based food writer and editor Stephanie Yuen, chair of the judging panel for Metro Vancouver's Edgewater Casino Chinese Restaurant Awards (chineserestaurantawards.com), picks three auspicious foods to eat on Feb. 14, Chinese New Year.



MUSHROOMS ON A BED OF GREENS = WEALTH

Mushrooms look like ancient gold nuggets when the cap faces up, representing prosperity. The Cantonese word for lettuce means "growing money."



SHRIMP = HAPPINESS

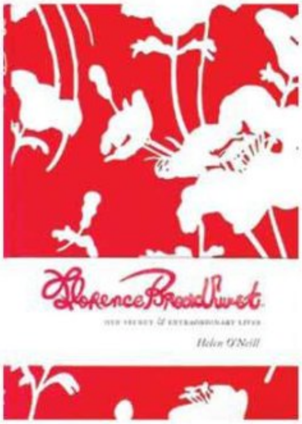
Shrimp in Cantonese is "ha," which sounds like the word for "laughter."



WHOLE STEAMED FISH = PROSPERITY

Both the Cantonese and Mandarin words for fish mean "abundance." →

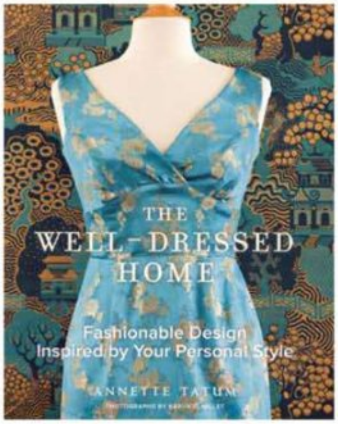
home library
on our must-read list



FROM P 20

FLORENCE BROADHURST: HER SECRET & EXTRAORDINARY LIVES by Helen O'Neill, $28, Chronicle. The first authorized bio of the Aussie designer covers her gorgeous hand-printed wallpapers, plus her glam eccentric life – and still-unsolved murder.

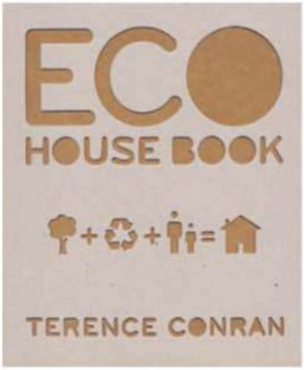
TIP FLORENCE'S ENTIRE ARCHIVE HAS BEEN DESCRIBED AS THE AUSTRALIAN EQUIVALENT OF BRITAIN'S MASTER PATTERNER WILLIAM MORRIS.



FROM P 17

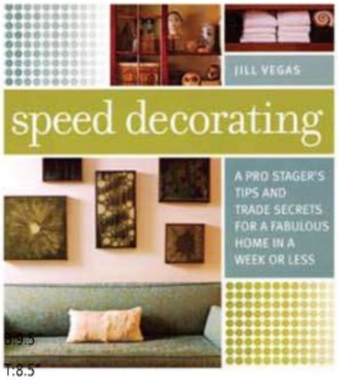
THE WELL-DRESSED HOME by Annette Tatum, $43, Potter. Look for decor inspiration in your closet. Boho, romantic, retro and more. Storyboards, fashion pictures and wisdom galore. Love it!

TIP STUDY YOUR ACCESSORIES TO GET AN IDEA OF HOW YOU'D LIKE TO DECORATE YOUR BASICS.



ECO HOUSE BOOK by Terence Conran, $60, Conran Octopus. Small changes = big impact. This revolutionary designer shows you how to live well – responsibly and stylishly. Oh, and way cool die-cut cover.

TIP FREEZERS WORK BEST WHEN STOCKED TO NEAR CAPACITY. REFRIGERATORS ARE MOST EFFICIENT WHEN THEY'RE NO MORE THAN THREE-QUARTERS FULL.



FROM P 18

SPEED DECORATING by Jill Vegas, $25, Taunton. A fab home in a week? Pro stager and decorator/fairy godmother delivers quick tips and style secrets. Consider the wand waved!

TIP IF YOU HAVE POSTERS ON YOUR WALLS, PULL THEM DOWN AND REPLACE WITH ORIGINAL ART OR FAMILY PHOTOS FOR A GROWN-UP LOOK. @

WORDS JENN HOULIHAN

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Welcome to the first installment of our Cross-Canada Shopping Guide. **Coming soon to a city near you!**

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all & sundry



The eclectic **Willow Studio** offers contemporary Canadian furnishings and accessories, imported carpets and local art. Nesters can source Italian leather sofas and sectionals from Montreal's Bugatti Design or, exclusive to Willow Studio, Linea Vincenzo.

Willow Studio, 3424 13th Ave., Regina, 306-522-9226; willowstudio.ca.

FULL SCALE

Sew & Home is now best known for its classic-contemporary custom furniture. The new location displays Canadian-made collections from Silva 4 Home, Whittaker Designs, Vogel of Canada, Gus Modern, G. Romano and Lind Furniture.

Sew & Home, 601 First Ave. N., Saskatoon, 306-373-2332; sewandhome.com.



up a notch

Artist Kris Kershaw's **Esteem for the Home** features local art, along with items from Euroline, Bellini Imports, SoDi Designs, Roost, Torre & Tagus and Indaba Trading.

BOWLS Torre & Tagus Arch handle from $40 each, Esteem for the Home, 106B-3929 Eighth St. E., Saskatoon, 306-477-2833; esteemforthehome.ca.





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PHOTOGRAPHY RYAN WATSON (TORUS STONE CARVERS AND MASONS)

IN OUR ROLODEX

MASONRY

WHO Ryan Watson and Derek Boldt of **Torus Stone Carvers and Masons**

BEST FOR Revitalizing the ancient art of custom fireplaces and façades.

HIGHLIGHT Recently mounted a granite-and-limestone façade on The King George luxury condos in downtown Saskatoon.

THE 411 128 Second St. E., Saskatoon, 306-222-0600; torusstone.ca.



modern moment

Marlin Fontaine's expansive Warehouse District hot spot, **Skyline Home Décor** is *the* source for ultra-contemporary furniture from Montreal's William, Via and Bellini Imports.

Skyline Home Décor, 1938 Dewdney Ave., Regina, 306-565-0797; skylinehomedecor.com. →





chic necessities

A fashion industry veteran and a graphic designer unite in **Provide,** which stocks wares both useful (Nespresso espresso machines) and agreeable (Martha Sturdy resin). Vancouver fashion designer Catherine Regehr's new home line, inspired by nature, is the ultimate local statement.

CUSHION Catherine Regehr Seaweeded laser-cut silk crepe $870, Provide, 529 Beatty St., 604-632-0095; providehome.com.



The Cross owners Darci Ilich (left) and Stephanie Vogler

gorgeous things

Like stumbling upon Audrey Tautou's Paris apartment, **The Cross** holds treasures bohemian and chic.

The Cross, 1198 Homer St., 604-689-2900; thecrossdesign.com.



IN OUR ROLODEX

REFURBISHING

WHO In-store design team at **The Cross**

BEST FOR Restyling or reupholstering anything and everything.

HIGHLIGHT Occasional chairs in "brave" fabrics (think skulls and chinoiserie) is a hot trend they're loving right now.

THE 411 1198 Homer St., 604-689-2900; thecrossdesign.com.



vancouver

Sarah Bancroft is editor in chief of vitamindaily.com





euro hit

Marimekko's first Canadian store proves (via cheerful clothes, mix-and-match dishes and a new wallpaper line) that savvy shoppers Finnish first.

Marimekko Vancouver, 1233 Hamilton St., 604-609-2881; marimekkovancouver.com.



DESIGNER HEAVEN

Cheekily named for a cookie-cutter house design from the '60s, **Vancouver Special** is a magnet for architects manqué (in the Brad Pitt vein), with its honed collection of Danish furniture, Vancouver design books and affordable *objets*.

Vancouver Special, 3612 Main St., 604-568-3673; vanspecial.com. →

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wholly wood

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Kastella, 5355 St-Laurent Blvd., 514-270-2444; kastella.ca.



NOUVEAU NATURE

Plateau-Mont-Royal hot spot **Galerie Flowerbox** offers a novel alternative to wall art. You choose the material and colour of your box (or tube), then fill it with a plant or flower of your choice. An eco gift perfect for those *sans balcon*.

Galerie Flowerbox, 4400 St-Denis St., Montreal, 514-843-4400; flowerbox.ca.



montreal

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THINK TWICE

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VASE Guzzini Casa collection $38 1101laurier.com.

après-cook

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1101 Laurier, 1101 Laurier Ave. W., 514-279-7999; 1101laurier.com.





My Ta Trung and Thien Trung

design duo

The new collection from brother-and-sister team Thien Trung and My Ta Trung at their store, **Domison,** offers sectionals, tables and shelves with stylish details like painted metal and rough wood.

Domison, 4117 St-Laurent Blvd., 514-563-1268; domison.com.

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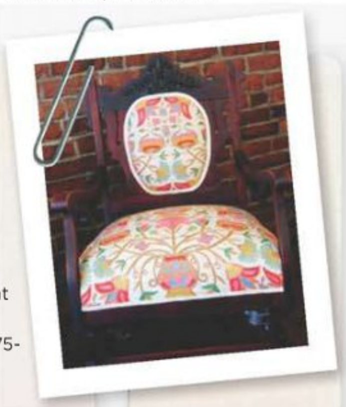
UPHOLSTERY

WHO Sarah Hanneman of **Hanneman Design**

BEST FOR Knowing the tricks of the trade, and toting a BFA in textiles to boot.

HIGHLIGHT An armchair starts at $350, not including materials.

THE 411 By appointment, 514-575-7675; hannemandesign.com. @



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the hot spot Hotel Missoni Edinburgh

the look Discover haute Italian luxury fused with down-to-earth Scottish hospitality at this fashion-forward gem. **WORDS** DOUG WALLACE



EYE ON STYLE Hotel Missoni's elegant lobby bar is excellent for people watching.

Family-run Italian fashion house Missoni has branched into luxury lodging, opening its first hotel on the Scottish capital's Royal Mile. Filled to its soaring ceilings with the bold colours and opulent fabrics synonymous with the Missoni name since 1953, these Old Town accommodations ooze delight at every turn. The tiny but busy main-floor lounge is a spectacle of colour and other-worldly light. Gorgeous Missoni Home tableware upstages the hearty Italian fare at the Cucina restaurant, where servers in Missoni grey-pattern suits keep things simple and satisfying.

In the main quarters, floating shelves, rich fabrics, bleached wood plank flooring and designer electronics dominate, while lacquered walls, heated floors and music wafting from behind the mirror set the mood in the spalike bathroom. Refined comforts with a dash of decadence ensure upmarket visitors get their beauty sleep – and then some! @

TRAVEL NOTES

- Edinburgh Castle, the trendy Grassmarket area, the Royal Mile and the National Museum of Scotland are minutes away on foot, as are Edinburgh Festival Fringe events in summer.
- Comfortable Italian restaurant Cucina has become a destination in its own right.
- 129 rooms, seven suites.

1 George IV Bridge, Edinburgh; 44 131 220 6666; hotelmissoni.com. Rooms from $375 Cdn.

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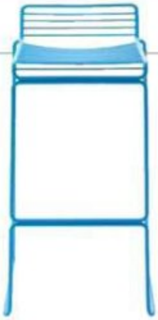
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